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FORT BENNING – Fort Benning's chief of staff, Col. David H. Ling, will be the guest speaker as Fort Benning celebrates Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month at a luncheon May 17 at the Benning Club.

He will address this year's theme, "Pursuing excellence through leadership, diversity and unity."

As part of the program, dancers from the Hula Halau O'Kalei will perform several Hawaiian hula dances and students from two Fort Benning schools will perform oral recitations and musical numbers.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week was first celebrated in May 1979. In 1992, the week was expanded to a monthlong recognition when President George Bush, with unanimous support from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, signed in to law a bill designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

May was selected for the recognition month because of two historically significant events, the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day).

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